

NEWS and VIEWS

DECEMBER 1982

The Faculty, administration, and Trustees wish for you and your family enduring seace, shared joy, and abiding Rope! Fordon Ebondurant

ART SHOW OPENS JANUARY 30

Watch for the next art show to open in the Patrick Wilson Library on January 30. Art work by Margaret Schilling and pottery and quilts by Ann Hayes will be on display. Those interested are invited to the opening and are welcome in the library anytime during the school day.

SHAKESPEARE VISITS NASHVILLE, In Spirit Anyway...

In Nashville to perform <u>Romeo and Juliet</u> in Vanderbilt's Great Performances series, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival of Anniston, Alabama, treated M.B.A. and Harpeth Hall students and faculty to a special matinee performance at Harpeth Hall. The high school classes of both schools were invited to experience the vibrancy and poignancy of Shakespearean drama. Audience response indicated that the students were entertained (and perhaps a little surprised) by the actors' engaging performances and the powerful script.

CLOTHING SENT TO POLAND

Thank you to those who gave clothing to To'mek and other boys like him in Poland. By donating warm clothing to be sent to Polish students, M.B.A. utilized the opportunity to improve the daily life of those students in a way few of us will ever fully appreciate.

HOMECOMING '82

Homecoming is over for another school year and what we have left are memories and the money! Under the careful supervision of Chairman Barbara Fridrich and Co-Chairman Bettye Westermann, the Spaghetti Supper and raffle ticket sales topped \$25,000. As in past years, incentives were offered to students to encourage an early and a gradual accounting of ticket sales. Prizes were given weekly for three weeks prior to Homecoming for sales in the categories of \$65-\$100; \$100-\$199; and \$200 and over. Top individual winners for the "Big Money" when all the ticket sales were in were Bobby Crants with a total ticket sale of \$370 and Chip Fridrich whose \$550 in sales earned him the top money

prize. In class competition, the seventh grade beat the eighth grade to win a special showing of <u>Star Wars</u>; the freshmen triumphed over the sophomores to gain two free eighth periods; and the juniors trounced the seniors to receive the privilege of leaving school on two occasions at 2:30.

The Ladies Auxiliary met just before Thanksgiving to decide how best to spend the monies earned. Following is a listing and description of some of the items which will receive sole or partial funding from the 25 big ones earned from this year's Spaghetti Supper and Raffle. Two Apple II computers have been purchased. One will be used in the seventh grade math; the second unit increases to four the number of computers available to the high school computer classes. New mowing equipment will be bought for the lawn and landscaping improvement will be made around campus. Improvements will include planting a hedge of arborvitae and glossy privet along the fence on Wilson Boulevard and Brighton Avenue. A new speaker system to be placed in Wallace Hall will eliminate the present problems of an undependable system. Additional items to receive money include lighting and a record player/casette player for the Art Room and large permanently—mounted wall maps for the language classes.

As in past years, existing funds will be bolstered with money from Homecoming. The faculty enrichment fund will receive money again this year for faculty to use for graduate studies or in-service instruction. School vans are purchased as needed with money set aside in a Van Depreciation Fund. Other programs benefiting financially from Homecoming are forensics, the literary magazine, the Fine Arts fund, the Junior School Activities Fund, a Speaker's Fund, and the Headmaster's Discretionary Fund. This year, for the first time, the drama program will begin receiving money to help defray production costs for scripts, royalty payments, costumes, and set.

Thank you to Mrs. Fridrich, Mrs. Westermann and all the other mothers and students who worked so diligently to make the 1982 Homecoming festivities such a success.

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Saturday, January 29, is the scheduled testing day for prospective new students. Please notify the office of students who would be interested in attending M.B.A. so that information and an application can be sent to them.

SNOW ON THE FORECAST? - The Snow Policy

We do not want students and parents jeopardizing life or limb to reach school during snowy or icy days, but we do expect every reasonable effort to be made to get here. If a school day is canceled or if class times are changed, an announcement will be made on Channel 4, Channel 5, and WSM radio. Otherwise, school will be held and classes will begin at their normal times. Parental excuses are necessary for any absence when school is in session. If school should be closed on an examination day, that scheduled exam will be held on the first day school is back in session. Student help sessions will follow this same pattern.

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS

In October the National Merit Scholarship Corporation honored 17 members of M.B.A.'s Class of 1983 for their scores on the PSAT. Those awarded the Commended Student rating were: Robert Brandau, John Cavin, Bert Chaffin, Charlie Collins, John Dale, Tommy Duncan, Ewan Leslie, George Lynch, Robert Hulett, Steve Maler, Charlie Mashburn, Andrew McAllister, Allen Moore, Trey Rochford, Andrew Schenker, Paul Tidwell, John Weisiger. Earlier in the year, 20 of M.B.A.'s seniors were named as Semifinalists on the exam. A score of 192 or above was needed to place a student among the ranks of the Semifinalists this year and a score of 179 or above earned the Commended Student status.

Congratulations to the Class of 1983 for their outstanding accomplishment of having 20 students as Semifinalists and 17 as Commended students, making 45% of their members among those honored this year by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

M.B.A. TEACHER RECOGNIZED

The Tennessee Classical Association at its annual fall meeting presented the "Distinguished Teaching Award" to Dr. G. Edward Gaffney. As Head of M.B.A.'s Junior School, Latin scholar and expert on Martial (a 1st century A.D. epigrammatist), officer of the Tennessee Classical Association, board member of the Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers' Association, and classroom Latin teacher, Dr. Gaffmey demonstrates his commitment to the teaching of young people. M.B.A. congratulates Dr. Gaffney for the hard work and involvement which are recognized by this award.

GOOD JOB, CROSS COUNTRY!

The Varsity Cross Country Team finished their second winningest season ever this fall with a 1st place showing in the regional meet and a 9th place finish at the State Championships. Undefeated in their dual meets, the team had three runners—Walt Zibas, Robert McConnell and Elliott Sloan—enter times of under 16:00 for the 3.1 mile course. Zibas set a school record at the NIL meet with his time of 14.57. Other team members this year are: Rob Alley, Russell Coleman, John Dale, Robert Hulett, Rob McConnell, Patrick Rau, Steve Shankle, Elliott Sloan, and David Wood. Good job!

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The M.B.A. Travel Club's preparations for the trip to Spain are well under way. The March 11 departure date is really not too far away. We already have quite a few students signed up and have spaces available for about eight more. It is not too late to join us, so if you have any questions or need an application, please contact Mrs. O'Connell, Mrs. Springer, or Dr. Gaffney.

DEBATE HAS ANOTHER OUTSTANDING FALL

This fall the M.B.A. debate team has made some outstanding showings and has progressed to recognition as one of the nation's finest programs. At the novice level, the four-man team of Robert Harris, Jeff Dale, Warren Sprouse, and Niku Wasudev captured the first place title at the St. Cecilia tournament, where Harris was named top speaker. Fine performances at the novice level have also been turned in by Paul Kahlon, Merritt Seshul, Rob Ikard, John-Lindell Pfeffer, Scott Bennett, Pat Frazier, David Farrar, Greg Walker, and Nick Anton. The junior varsity team of Doug Johnson and Tommy Outlaw has consistently reached elimination rounds, while Jonathan Springer and Kyle Hardin have also performed well.

At the varsity level, M.B.A. has been outstanding. Tuning up for national competition, M.B.A. has dominated in-state competition. Bryan Hassel and Sam Chang won the Harrison-Chilhowee tournament, where Chang was Fourth speaker and Hassell was First. At the Madison-Overton tournament, Chang and Madison Laird finished second, only one speaker point behind Lyn Robbins and Griffin Vincent, who won the event. Nationally, consistent victory has earned Robbins and Vincent invitations to major national round-robins - the Glenbrook Round Robin, where they tied for fourth; the Damien California Round Robin, an invitation which unfortunately had to be turned down; and the Georgetown Round Robin, to be held in January.

Robbins and Vincent have won first place at tournaments held at The St. Mark's School of Texas, MarsHill Bible School, and Ohio State University. Vincent was sixth speaker at St. Mark's and third at Ohio State. Robbins won top speaker honors at both syents.

Recently, the varsity teams traveled to the Northwestern University tournament attended by 175 teams from all across the nation. Chang and Laird finished ninth while Robbins and Vincent finished second, losing a 3-2 decision in the final round.

The team's overall success can be exemplified by its reception of the National Forensic League's highest honor, the Award of Excellence, presented to Mr. Sullivan this fall.

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OUTING CLUB TAKES A HIKE

Friday, November 19, the third outing of the 1982-83 school year began with a back-packing trip on the Appalachian Trail along the Tennessee/North Carolina border south of Carolina, Tennessee. The trip originated at Spivey Gap and headed north to the banks of the Nolichucky River. Including the September hike, which began at Spivey Gap and went south across Little Bald and Big Bald, a distance of twenty-three miles has been covered this expear on the Appalachian Trail.

Future trips for the year include a ski trip to Starlite the first weekend of February; a winter backpacking trip for the hearty, a trip to Dunbar Cave for the inexperience or curious, and a canoe trip on the Hiawasee. The Outing Club welcomes your interest and encourages your participation by designing trips to offer a variety of experiences for those with varying levels of skill. See Mr. Womack, he would love to tell you more about it.

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M.B.A. has been selected to join other secondary schools, colleges and universities as a permanent member of The College Board. The College Board is a non-profit organization founded in 1900 to provide direction and coordination of services and research to impact on the transfer of students from secondary schools to colleges and universities. Representatives of member schools and organizations meet annually as one national body and in one of six regional groups to discuss matters relating to services offered by the dissociation. These services include authorship and grading of PSAT, SAT and AP exams.

M.B.A. is honored to have been asked to join this group, and we are certain we will make of a valuable contribution to it.

MAIS MEETS IN KNOXVILLE

The Mid-South Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) held its annual conference October 11-13 at Knoxville's Hilton Hotel and Holiday Inn World's Fair. Section meetings for each of the disciplines were available as well as several general sessions. Dr. Harold Crowell and Mr. Michael Drake were both Section Chairman responsible for their group's meeting. Dr. Alvin Weinberg, Director of the Institute of Energy Analysis at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, spoke to Dr. Crowell's high school science group about the future of nuclear power. The high school section of social studies, presided over by Mr. Drake, included talks by Dr. LeRoy Graf, Professor at the University of Tennessee and Leader of the Andrew Johnson Papers Project, and Mr. Paul Clements, Director of the Nashville Reritage Project. Dr. Graf spoke on the "Presidential Papers: A Resource For Teaching High School History." Mr. Clements' talk was entitled "Oral History: Past, Present, and Applications to Secondary Schools."

Two general sessions speakers whose talks were popular with conference members were Dr. Eric Johnson and Dr. Anthony Gregorc. Dr. Johnson delivered the keynote address at a luncheon session. Drawing from his training and experience as an administrator, a classroom teacher of English, history, and sex education, an author, an educational consultant and an acute observer or schools, teachers and students, Dr. Johnson offered many valuable insights on the learning experience. Dr. Gregorc, an educational researcher, author, and consultant delivered a dynamic talk on students' "learning styles" and teachers' "teaching styles" and how the two do not always coincide to provide the most effective learning environment.

M.B.A. faculty returned home fortified with new prospectives and ideas of how to we make the learning experience more effective and enjoyable.

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Two of M.B.A.'s students were recently honored by The Boy Scouts of America for their work with the group. John Harrison and Bruce Burgess were named Eagle Scouts at their respective Eagle Court of Honor.

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

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JVBB.....J.V. Basketball
FBB.....Freshman Basketball
HVACBB....HVAC Basketball

VW.....Varsity Wrestling HVACW...HVAC Wrestling FW.....Freshman Wrestling

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